Met Office Mountain Weather Forecast

Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 07 Dec 2024 until 23:59 on Sunday 08 Dec 2024

Forecast Issued on Friday 06 Dec 2024 at 13:58

Confidence: High for unsettled and extreme wind conditions associated with Storm Darragh on Saturday, and for an improvement from Sunday onwards. However medium for the transitional detail and timing and location of the worst of the conditions.

Headline for Saturday 07 Dec 2024: Extreme wind conditions forecast with heavy rain and snow. Blizzards risk across summits.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 07 Dec 2024

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** Medium Likelihood	**Storm force winds** High Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** High Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet	Dull
Precipitation probability							
90%	>95%	>95%	>95%	>95%	>95%	80%	60%

Forecast for Saturday 07 Dec 2024

Weather: Storm Darragh will affect the region through Saturday with outbreaks of rain which will be persistent and heavy at times. Snow will affect highest summits. Cloud shrouding summits. Rain and summit snow turning showery through Saturday afternoon with brief drier spells. Some showers heavy with hail and low risk of lightning.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 10% or less for much of the period, becoming 40% at times later in afternoon and into evening

Low cloud and visibility: Overcast bases 300m will persist through much of the morning. Cloud will gradually lift and break after dawn, with bases occasionally above summits into late afternoon and evening. Poor or very poor visibility for much of the period, becoming moderate at times late afternoon into the evening.

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Forecast for Saturday 07 Dec 2024

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	40/54 SW	43/58 W	46/62 W	47/64 NW	46/63 NW	43/58 NW	41/55 NW	36/49 NW	32/44 N
300	26/51 SW	29/57 W	30/57 W	30/59 NW	28/56 NW	25/51 NW	23/46 NW	21/41 NW	18/38 N
Valley	22/48 SW	27/57 W	27/57 W	28/59 NW	26/54 NW	23/51 NW	22/48 NW	19/42 NW	18/40 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	6/-1	3/-5	2/-7	2/-7	2/-6	3/-5	2/-6	2/-5	2/-6
300	8/3	5/-1	3/-4	4/-3	5/-2	5/-1	5/-1	5/-0	4/-1
Valley	8/4	6/1	4/-2	4/-2	5/-0	6/1	5/0	6/1	5/0
Freezing Level*	1400m	1000m	800m	800m	900m	900m	800m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Significant wind buffeting from high gusts and elevated water courses will give extreme conditions on Saturday. Some gusts could be 20-30mph higher than indicated in table above. Note changes in wind direction.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
15:00 on Fri 06 Dec 2024	16.4mm	44.2mm	45.8mm

Forecast for Sunday 08 Dec 2024

Weather: Strong to gale northerly winds will bring a mix of brief brighter spells and blustery showers, but showers dwindling later in day as winds slowly ease.

Maximum wind: Northerly winds will reach gusts around 55mph at first in early hours Sunday morning.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 30-60% with chance improving to 70& in the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Broken bases 450m in early hours lifting to 700m in afternoon, but probably lowering in evening to 550m. Poor or very poor visibility becoming moderate to good in afternoon and evening.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 4-6 degrees Celsius.
At 600m: Plus 1-3 degrees Celsius.
Freezing level: 800-1000m.

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